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JOHN MOON ET AL : Group No.: 2872

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Labeling Using Diffraction Grating-based Encoded Optical Identification ElementsCommissioner of Patent and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: